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ABSTRACT

This is a brief description of a professional preparation program that emphasizes an inter-disciplinary approach.

THE RECREATION AND LEISURE SERVICES CURRICULUM AT GEORGIA SOUTHERN COLLEGE INCLUDES THREE AREAS OF STUDY. THE FIRST AREA IS REQUIRED RECREATION COURSES. THESE INCLUDE: INTRODUCTION TO RECREATION, LEADERSHIP, PROGRAM PLANNING, SUPERVISION, RESEARCH AND EVALUATION, PLANNING BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE OF FACILITIES, THERAPEUTIC RECREATION, AND MANAGEMENT.

THE SECOND CURRICULUM AREA IS RECREATION ELECTIVES. STUDENTS SELECT THREE RECREATION ELECTIVES BASED ON THEIR AREA OF INTEREST. STUDENTS IN COMMERCIAL RECREATION CAN SELECT: PUBLIC RELATIONS, TRAVEL AND TOURISM, COMMERCIAL RECREATION, AND OTHER SPECIAL PROBLEMS COURSE OFFERINGS.

THE THIRD CURRICULUM AREA IS THE STRENGTH OF OUR PROGRAM. STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE FIVE 300 AND/OR 400 LEVEL APPROVED NON-RECREATION ELECTIVES. THOSE STUDENTS WHOSE AREA OF INTEREST IS COMMERCIAL RECREATION MAY CHOOSE COURSES IN SUCH AREAS AS: MARKETING, MANAGEMENT, ECONOMICS, OFFICE ADMINISTRATION, PHOTO JOURNALISM, AND ADVANCED PUBLIC RELATIONS, TO NAME A FEW. WE FEEL THAT THIS CURRICULUM GIVES OUR COMMERCIAL RECREATION STUDENTS A STRONG BACKGROUND IN GENERAL RECREATION, COMMERCIAL RECREATION, TRAVEL AND TOURISM, AND THOSE SKILLS WHICH THEY WILL NEED IN COMMERCIAL RECREATION.

IN ADDITION TO OUR ON-CAMPUS CURRICULUM, OUR PARTICIPATION IN THE SMOKY MOUNTAIN RECREATION CONSORTIUM GIVES OUR STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN PROFICIENCIES AND KNOWLEDGE THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO ACQUIRE IN THE CLASSROOM.